



State of Connecticut JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT PROBATION AND BAIL SERVICES
455 Winding Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision State Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2020

Present: Gary Roberge (IC Commissioner & Executive Director/Judicial-CSSD); Natalie Latulippe (Deputy Compact Administrator & Chief Probation Officer II/Judicial-CSSD); Fred Watton (Deputy Compact Administrator & Manager, BOPP); Richard Sparaco (Executive Director, BOPP); Joseph Garibaldi (Parole Manager, BOPP); Sherrie Lubinski (Parole Officer, BOPP); Jessica McCarty (Parole Officer, BOPP); Christine Rappillo (Chief Public Defender, Office of Chief Public Defender); Robert Dearington (Assistant Attorney General, Office of Attorney General); Steve Strom (Assistant Attorney General, Office of Attorney General); David Maiga (Director, Department of Corrections); Jaclyn Osden (IC Unit Counselor Supervisor, Department of Corrections); Frank Mirto (Deputy Director, Parole and Community Services); Brett Salafia (Executive Assistant State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice); Valina Carpenter (Deputy Director I, Office of Victim Services); Matthew Garcia (Sergeant, CT State Police)

Minutes Taken by: Sarah Puzzo- Intake Assistant/ Judicial-CSSD

Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Roberge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions conducted for new members.

1. Consideration of Agenda for December 16, 2020 State Council meeting:

Executive Director Sparaco moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Director Carpenter seconded. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of minutes from May 21, 2019 State Council Meeting:

Executive Director Sparaco moved to approve the minutes. Assistant Attorney General Strom seconded. Motion passed

3. Commissioner/ Executive Committee/East Region Meetings Update

Commissioner Roberge stated that the Executive Committee has been meeting monthly. He discussed how the committee issued a temporary policy due to COVID-19. The committee is considering suspending this policy in March 2021. Commissioner Roberge thanked DCA Latulippe and DCA Watton for their handling of the COVID-19 response. They have continued to manage IC responsibilities and meet requirements throughout this year including managing required retakings. The work the extradition officers have been doing through the pandemic is remarkable and appreciated.

Commissioner Roberge is the Chair of the Finance Committee. The committee made a recommendation to reduce state fees for one year as many states are in tough situations due to

COVID-19. The Commission voted to pass this proposal at the Annual Business Meeting. He noted the fees have never been raised since the beginning of the compact.

East Region:

DCA Latulippe stated that the DCAs in surrounding states have been meeting regularly. She discussed that all DCAs have been working well together during COVID-19. Business did not stop, but a pause had to be taken to make sure things were done carefully. Initially, the pandemic was not affecting other parts of the country. There has been a thorough review of cases, particularly for extraditions and retakings, making sure there are no other alternatives before taking action. The pandemic has pushed states to be creative and accommodating while still following the rules and the guidelines of the compact.

4. ICAOS COVID Response

The national office created a page on the ICAOS website (www.interstatecompact.org) where states could list any restrictions regarding interstate compact requirements, travel and quarantines. This was very helpful for states when trying to navigate transfers as the pandemic was beginning to move throughout the country.

New Rule- Emergency Suspension of Enforcement:

DCA Latulippe summarized the information regarding the new rule that was proposed by the national office and the Executive Committee due to COVID-19. Rule 2.111 Emergency Suspension of Enforcement allows for the temporary suspension of enforcement of Commission rules or parts of the rules. The Commission passed this rule unanimously and this rule was invoked for COVID-19. It was reiterated that the Executive Committee may suspend the current implementation of this rule this spring depending on how things progress with the pandemic. A copy of Rule 2.111 was provided to State Council members.

5. Annual Business Meetings

2019 Approved Rule Amendments effective 4/1/2020:

DCA Latulippe stated that the proposed rule amendments, which were reviewed at the last State Council meeting, were voted upon by the Commission at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting. All the rule proposals passed except for one regarding time frames for warrants. A copy of the approved rule amendments was provided to State Council Members.

2020 Virtual Meeting:

Commissioner Roberge discussed how the ABM was held virtually. He stated the National office did an exceptional job of coordinating the meeting.

6. Compliance- Dashboards and FY2020 Audit

Dashboards:

DCA Latulippe discussed that CT has maintained compliance in 2019 and 2020 and that compliance has been maintained throughout the pandemic. A copy of the 2019 and 2020 compliance reports were provided to State Council members.

Warrant audit:

DCA Latulippe explained there was a retaking warrant audit for FY2020. The results showed that there were consistent compliance issues throughout the country. Although CT had better results than the majority of the country, there were some cases identified that showed probation did not always issue warrants within the timeframe. There does not appear to be any issues with the timeliness in obtaining warrants for CT parole. The method of obtaining a warrant for CT probation is a lengthy multistep process involving several people. An ad hoc committee has been created by the Commission and a rule proposal is expected for the next Annual Business Meeting to help clarify timeframes and have one uniform timeframe standard for all warrant requirements. Once the timeframes are clarified, CT Probation will develop a plan to ensure CT complies. A copy of the audit summary was provided to State Council Members.

7. Members Updates

Parole: Deputy Director Mirto discussed that due to the pandemic, parole had scaled back on their field operations and they have just begun increasing their supervision in the community. He stated the IC office is working well and he has no concerns. Executive Director Sparaco stated the IC unit has been running seamlessly and DCA Watton thanked the Parole Community Services and staff, as well as DCA Latulippe.

Victim Services: Deputy Director Carpenter would like to set up a meeting to discuss victim notifications for IC cases. DCA Latulippe will schedule a meeting with Deputy Director Carpenter, Commissioner Roberge, DCA Watton, Parole Manager Garibaldi and IC Coordinator Sarah Puzzo.

Office of Chief State's Attorney: Executive Assistant State's Attorney Salafia stated everything was good regarding COVID-19, and he will loop everyone in if anything comes up.

Department of Correction: Director Maiga had no new information to report. IC Unit Counselor Supervisor Osden reported that new transfers have been on hold, but they continue to conduct business.

Attorney General: Assistant Attorney General Strom introduced Assistant Attorney General Robert Dearington to the Council as he will be the representative for the Attorney General's office upon AAG Strom's retirement at the end of this month.

Office of Chief Public Defenders: Chief Public Defender Rapillo had no issues or new information to report and stated when there is an issue the office has been able to work it out sufficiently.

8. State Council Membership Changes

Commissioner Roberge announced that Assistant Attorney General Strom and DCA Watton would be retiring. He stated it has been a pleasure working with them and he appreciates everything they have done.

DCA Latulippe moved to approve the following changes to the State Council membership:

- Sarah Puzzo to fill the vacancy of Interstate Compact Coordinator for the Adult Probation Interstate Compact Unit
- Assistant Attorney General Robert Dearington will now be the representative for the Office of the Attorney General
- Deputy Director Frank Mirto will now be the representative for Parole and Community Services

- Executive Assistant State's Attorney Brett Salafia will now be the representative for the Office of Chief State's Attorney

Executive Director Sparaco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Old Business

No old business to report.

10. New Business

Commissioner Roberge discussed that he had a meeting with Assistant Attorney General Dearington, Assistant Attorney General Strom, DCA Watton and DCA Latulippe regarding a request from MA to transfer parolees to a nursing home in CT. Commissioner Roberge expressed the importance of making sure all states are doing business in accordance with the Interstate Compact rules and regulations.

11. Next Meeting

Commissioner Roberge discussed that the State Council should continue to meet once a year. If any issues arise, he can be contacted and a meeting with the council can be set up, if needed.

12. Adjourn

Commissioner Roberge requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m., which was seconded by DCA Latulippe.